



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Lower Skyway Fuels Reduction (SRA)		
PROJECT LOCATION	Skyway Road from Crossover Road SW of Paradise, CA, south to Tuscan Ridge Golf Course.	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire)		
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Project Description

This project involves the hand clearing of brush, small trees less than 6 inch in diameter and dead woody debris (snags less than 11 inch in diameter) within the right of way of Skyway road. The project will be carried out on both sides to the roadway southward from Crossover road at the southwest of Paradise, California, to a point in the vicinity of the Tuscan Ridge Golf course. The project will be 4 miles long and encompass an approximate 30 acres. The purpose of this project is to reduce fuel loads and fire hazard, improve conditions along the Skyway when used as an "Escape Route" during wild land fires of a watershed scale, and provide better opportunity to contain or suppress the spread of north wind fires historic to this project area. Treated vegetation will be cut, piled and chipped with all work being done by hand. Chipping will be done only from paved or graveled, permanent surfaces.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

Reasons Project is Exempt

This project fits within the descriptions for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA described in the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Section 15304), Minor Alterations to Land. The Unit Forester/Environmental Coordinator has conducted an environmental review and has field inspected the project site. The Department has determined that no significant environmental impacts would occur. Documentation of the environmental review conducted is on file at Butte Unit Headquarters in Oroville at 176 Nelson Avenue and at Sacramento Headquarters or from Butte Unit Environmental Coordinator at 530-872-6334.

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